

THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 25, 1879.

FORTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

Sundry Civil Bill Passed Under Suspension of Rules.

Seventeen Millions Voted at One Sweep. Without Debate or Amendment—Internal Revenue Bill Sent to a Conference—Army Bill Passed by the Senate—A Night Session of the Senate.

SENATE.

MONDAY, Feb. 25, 1879.
The Vice-President held before the Senate the bill authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to accept for the purposes of a voyage of exploration by way of Behring's Straits the ship Jeannette, tendered by James Gordon Bennett for that purpose. On motion of Mr. Sargent, the bill was at once set aside and passed.

Mr. ANTHONY presented a petition of John D. Deere, Public Printer, stating that the office was robbed in January last of \$8,000 through no fault of his, and asking to be relieved from responsibility. Referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. DOWNEY, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported a bill for House to provide for the settlement of all outstanding claims against the District of Columbia, and conferring jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to hear the same. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. ROLLINS, from the same committee, reported back the bill to provide for the settlement of the claim of the District of Columbia against the District of Columbia, with the amendment that the Senate agree to the terms of reversion laws disagreed to by the House and a committee of conference was ordered.

Mr. RUSSELL submitted an amendment to the bill to provide for the settlement of the same to continue in force four years. Agreed to.

Mr. MORGAN submitted an amendment requiring the Bureau of Health to periodically visit all places where there are epidemic diseases and remain there during the prevalence of the disease. Rejected.

At half past six it was discovered that no quorum was present.

A quorum was secured and the discussion of the bill went on until half past eleven p.m., when the debate was adjourned and the bill was voted on again, found itself without a quorum.

A warlike discussion ensued as to whether the Sergeant-at-Arms should be instructed to request the services of the Bureau of Health to be constituted at midnight with the adoption of the former proposition and that officer was so directed.

Mr. INGALLS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported a bill on Senate Bill to grant to the United States the right to lay submarine wires across the Atlantic Ocean, the right of way and privileges to lay, land, and operate submarine cables on the American and Pacific coasts of the United States, and to extend the same to the Mediterranean between the United States, Europe, and Asia, and it was indefinitely postponed.

The message of the President of the United States in regard to inviting other maritime Powers to accede to the maritime articles in the treaty of Washington was read and was discharged from its further consideration.

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, with amendment, a bill for the trial of crimes committed in the District Court of the United States in the State of Louisiana. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. ALLEN, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported back the deficiency appropriation bill with amendments, and gave notice that he would present it up as soon as the army bill was disposed of.

Mr. BAXARD called up the bill reported a few days ago from the Committee on Finance amending the charter of the Freedmen's Savings and Trust Company. Passed.

[It repeals the act of June 20, 1874, providing for the appointment of three commissioners and the Secretary of the Treasury to appoint one commissioner to manage the business of the institution.]

Mr. BAXARD submitted an amendment to the bill making it a general article of legislation, so as to suspend the operation of all laws providing for a sinking fund, and applying the surplus revenue to the Treasury, after defraying current expenses, to the payment of debts of the country. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. DAVIS (W. Va.) submitted a resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ an extra clerk for thirty days. Agreed to.

Mr. WILSON (W. Va.) gave notice that as soon as the army bill was disposed of, he would call up the resolution declaring David T. Corbin elected United States Senator from South Carolina in place of M. C. Butler, the present Senator.

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